



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

National City Community Development Commission, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The National City Community Development Commission was selected to receive an assessment grant. The city is focusing on the Harbor District project area, one of the city's oldest and most industrial sections. The 4,400 residents in the project area have the lowest median income levels in the county, and many speak languages other than English. The assessments will allow owners to bring their properties into environmental compliance, which would be a major step in National City's program to sustainably redevelop the Harbor District, generate revenues, create new jobs, and remove blight. The city has conducted environmental assessments on several properties in and



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the National City Community Development Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. The city will conduct Phase I assessments of sites located in the eastern portion the Harbor District, which will complete the identification and prioritization of brownfields in the 316-acre project area. Grants funds also will be used to conduct a Phase II assessment of an oil refinery and waste recycling site in the project area, create an in-house database of brownfield sites, and involve the community in redevelopment decisions.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the National City Community Development Commission has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

adjacent to the target area and has facilitated the redevelopment of a few of them. The city plans to keep the community involved through public meetings and workshops.